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Just a little over a year ago 10,000 workers met on 35th Street in a massive demonstration of support for 8,000 striking I-S members.

'Battle for Long Island' Looms as Labor Maps Organizing Drive; Roosevelt a Prime Target

A new "battle for Long Island" is shaping up, with retail and department stores facing encirclement and organization by combined union forces.

This non-secret information was contained in a communique from the headquarters of the Nassau-Suffolk CIO Council following a recent meeting.

The campaign's broad strategy calls for a coordinated attack on open shop establishments which are vigorously opposing the unionization of their employees.

Macy's Roosevelt Field will undoubtedly be one of the prime targets of the operation.

While Local I-S will continue to provide the main assault forces, other unions, it was indicated, will participate in a flanking operation. This maneuver will be aimed at finding and winning the support of those employees of the store who are related to union members in other shops and industries. Extensive reconnaissance has revealed that there are many people in that classification.

It is expected that such people will yield without resistance once they are face-to-face with the union forces.

Making a successful campaign at Roosevelt Field even more likely is mounting dissension within the store itself.

Only recently the company distributed wage increases of five

and ten cents an hour to some of the faithful, while giving nothing at all to a substantial number.

The Local I-S organizing committee promptly denounced the company action as an attempt to divide the workers and force them to compete with each other for management's favors.

The committee called attention to the fact that when Local I-S members in the other stores get a raise it applies equally to all. General wage increases and a contractual wage structure, they pointed out, are the only guarantee of fair and equal treatment.

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Although the Local I-S attack on Macy's violation of the New York State Labor Law was carried through successfully, Roosevelt Field workers are still forced to suffer their "aching feet".

When Local I-S filed a formal complaint with the Labor Department calling attention to the fact that Macy's had failed to install required seats for female employees, the company promised to comply with the law promptly.

Some three months later Macy's finally conformed to the law which is designed to protect the health of women workers. BUT Macy's now refuses to allow the women to use the seats they have been forced to install!

No sooner does a weary worker take a load off her feet than an

executive looms over her to order her on to such other tasks as cleaning show cases, re-arranging stock and so on.

From their personal experiences many workers have come to the conclusion that Macy's does not really care about them, but is only concerned with keeping Local I-S out.

Macy's gives just enough by way of wages and fringe benefits

Second Round Salk Schedule

The following is the schedule according to which the second round of Salk shots will be given in the branch stores and for those members at Herald Sq. who got their first shots on Mar. 20. Clip this schedule and save it, to make sure that you don't miss your turn.

FLATBUSH — Friday, April 5. From 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Oetjens.

PARKCHESTER — Tuesday, Apr. 16. From 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. above Woolworth's.

JAMAICA — Wednesday, Apr. 17. From 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Jamaica Union office.

HERALD SQUARE — Tuesday, Apr. 23. From 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Union office to reduce the obvious need for a

union, but the leopard's spots remain unchanged so far as their treatment of people is concerned.

The high level of resignations and discharges is the best proof that the unorganized Roosevelt Field store is not a good place to work, while in the organized Macy stores the rate of turnover is the lowest in the company's history.

Progress Noted

Both President Sam Kovenetsky and Vice President Bill Atkinson, who is in direct charge of the organizing campaign, report that the new methods of work are producing results.

While confident that the solo efforts of Local I-S would lead to a Union victory at Roosevelt, they warmly welcomed the decision of the Nassau-Suffolk CIO Council to participate in an all-out drive. "Labor as a whole will achieve more victories in less time this way," they declared, "and Local I-S, along with other unions, will share the benefits."

April 10 Marks 1st Anniversary Of 13 Day Strike

Just one year and a few days ago 8,000 members of Local I-S made unmistakably clear to Macy's—and to the rest of the labor movement—that "white collar" workers are just as able to defend and advance their working conditions and their union as any other group.

For three solid months—from the beginning of January to the end of March, 1956, Macy's refused to budge while Local I-S negotiators tried to hammer out a contract.

Then, on April 3, with the eyes of New York on them by way of television, the Union's members cast a resounding vote to "Strike!"

The walkout came on April 10, and for 13 days after that—through rain and shine—the huge picketlines held firm.

The massive demonstration of strength and solidarity came to an end on April 22 when the members voted their approval of the terms of an agreement they had pounded out on the sidewalks and over the bargaining table.

The Acid Test

It was generally felt that the members of Local I-S had faced and passed a crucial test.

By their uncompromising attitude during the months of attempted negotiations, Macy's made it clear that they doubted the willingness or the ability of their employees to back up their demands with effective action.

It was the company's apparent hope that Local I-S would be unable to muster the support of its members and would be forced to scale down the demands they had placed before management. This, in turn, would have left the door open to a union-busting assault.

To their everlasting credit, the members (with only a handful of discredited exceptions) showed Macy's that they know which side their bread is buttered on. They moved resolutely into the battle which the company had made inevitable. They manned their posts 24 hours a day until victory was finally their's.

It's an anniversary of which all can be justly proud!

Official Notice

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 2nd, 7 P.M.

MANHATTAN CENTER
34th Street & 8th Avenue

\$2 Assessment to the Welfare Fund for unexcused absence
Admission by 1957 Union Card only



Talking Shop By Vice Presidents

Phil Hoffstein

and

Bill Atkinson

WE HAVE JUST FINISHED one of the most stimulating series of Divisional meetings we have ever had.

To start with, the attendance at almost every one of the meetings was outstanding. While we have always been boastful of the high level of participation in Union affairs, the membership really outdid itself this time.

One of the reasons for the tremendous turnouts was the fact that each of the divisions was holding elections for Executive Board and Floor Committees. Other reasons included the fundamental fact that each member is aware of his importance to the democratic process which made—and keeps—our Union strong.

THE ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS was no cut and dried routine affair. In most of the meetings there were contests for the positions of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary—in spite of the fact that these jobs carry with them a high degree of responsibility, a considerable amount of added work, and a very small amount of thanks or appreciation.

In almost every instance, the members of each division carefully and critically reviewed the work of their Floor Committee members—in addition to giving the most serious attention to the qualifications of others who were nominated.

THOSE WHO WERE ELECTED are charged with the serious responsibility of formulating Union policy and of representing their constituents. Those who were willing to assume the responsibilities, but didn't make the grade this time, are part of our Union's vast reserve of leadership material.

In that part of the meetings devoted to discussion of divisional problems it became clear that there are no "great issues" affecting the membership at the present time.

The vast majority of the questions revolved around the application of three sections of our contract. In order of frequency, the questions asked concerned: 1) the Health Plan, 2) the promotional system; and 3) reductions of force.

WITH REGARD TO THE HEALTH PLAN, let it just be said that the new book which explains the Plan will be ready for distribution within the next few days. This book, in our opinion, makes clearer than ever before the full scope of the plan's many benefits.

But to answer the question most frequently asked about the Health Plan, let us make it clear, at this time, that home and office doctor visits are NOT covered unless they are for surgical care. When the Plan refers to "diagnostic examinations" it refers to such exams as X-rays, cardiograms, GI Series and other laboratory procedures when they are ordered by your doctor.

THE PROMOTIONAL SYSTEM IS NATURALLY important to all of us. It provides every member of Local 1-S with the opportunity for advancement without having to engage in direct competition.

In the old days, before we had a Union, promotions were things that were handed out to the boss' pets. This meant that workers were forced to compete for the boss' good will if they were to move ahead.

Today, while there are certain pre-conditions for a promotion, every individual has an equal opportunity to meet those conditions and gain the better job. The main pre-condition is to meet Macy's Better Job Bureau I Standard. This rating rests on job reviews, which the Union is able to scrutinize and challenge where injustice has been done. Seniority and ability are the two criteria set forth in the contract—and where Macy's has given unfair weight to "ability" as compared with "seniority" we have successfully challenged many of Macy's proposed promotions and have won them for members whose combination of length of service and ability had earned for them the new and better job. Macy's decisions, however, are not arbitrable.

TRANSFERS TO AVOID LAYOFF are often a topic of conversation when they involve—as they sometimes do—a cut in pay. But ask any other department store worker what happens to him when there is a budget cut and you will learn that he is just out of a job. He doesn't have a choice of taking a cut in pay (if one is involved)—he's just out! We know that it hurts to take a cut in pay, but we also know that it hurts more to be without a job. The Local 1-S contract has gone further towards safeguarding jobs than any other contract in any industry anywhere in the country. That's a big statement, but it is also a big accomplishment—of which we should all be proud!

One of the jobs at hand for the new Executive Board members is the answering of questions concerning the contract. Beyond that, is the great responsibility for faithfully representing their members on the Board—and just as faithfully representing Union policy to the members. This is the two-way street on which the traffic of Local 1-S democracy moves—without tie-ups!



Boom or Bust? Nation Seeks Clues To Its Future Amid Warning Signals

This is the second in a series of articles on the economic outlook for the workers of the United States. In this series we attempt to deal with major currents bearing on national prosperity.

In the first article we established certain facts:

1—Rising prices have reduced the value of every dollar we earn to 70 cents during the past 10 years.

2—The government's "hard-money" policy has raised the cost of borrowing, which in turn has cut down credit buying, which, in turn, has resulted in production cut-backs, some unemployment and small business failures.

3—Some economists blame high prices on employers who, they claim, have been too gener-

ous with raises, which have been passed on to the public.

Government Action

While the Congressional Joint Economic Committee supports the "hard money" curbs on credit and spending, its members raised objections to President Eisenhower's plea for voluntary restraint by business and labor as a supplement to government anti-inflation policies.

They called attention, particularly to the "omission of workable machinery and standards which business and labor leaders might effectively use in accepting responsibility for maintaining a stable price level."

The same committee, viewing the 1956 drop in auto sales and new housing, concluded that the experience "offers additional evidence that an economy as large

and diversified as that of the United States can adjust to shifts in demand and in production without an over-all setback.

Another Theory

Early in March a new and unique explanation of the current spiral of living costs hit the front page of *The New York Times*.

In that article, the author contended that the cost of "things" had not gone up.

But, he went on to explain, the cost of "not things" had risen very sharply. "Things", according to this new expert, are such items as food and clothing. "Not things" include rent, transportation, medical and dental care, etc.

His main argument was that business and labor should stop blaming each other for the high price of "things", because they aren't really high!

Government Spending

Conservative economists, including Secretary of Treasury Humphrey, argue that one way to curb inflation is to reduce government spending. Since the billions of dollars appropriated each year for military and defense purposes are regarded as untouchable, these men obviously mean to cut such budget items as health, welfare and education.

But the "hard money" policy of the government has already hit the local communities hard in such important areas as education.

A town that appropriated \$2,200,000 for a new school found that it could not borrow money at the four percent interest rate it had figured on. Forced to pay 4.189126 percent interest, it found that those six figures after the decimal point cost them \$77,000—or the price of four classrooms!

Faced with such problems, many communities and individual business people have decided to "wait" with their building or expansion plans. This adds up to fewer jobs.

In short, the boom that has grown so large over the past 10 years has begun to shrink, but does it have to burst?

HAIR CURLS IN BEAUTY SALON AS UNION UNCOVERS PAY ERROR

Discovering that they were being wrongly underpaid was enough to curl the hair of 11 Herald Square Beauty Salon workers before they won raises as high as \$4 a week and back pay of \$540 via a Union-processed grievance.

The grievance, a direct outgrowth of a discussion at the Divisional meeting, was filed when two members questioned Administrator Frank Milza about the correct rate of pay for their jobs.

A preliminary study by the Union indicated that the problem involved more than the two people who had asked the questions.

The problem was turned over to Macy's with a request that the company examine all Beauty Salon rates and submit to the Union a detailed statement.

Out of both the Union's and the

company's study of the facts it was learned that six out of the 11 workers concerned had received only part of the increase they were entitled to last November. The other five got nothing.

One of those who received a \$3.75 raise in November was elated to learn that he was entitled to another \$4 a week, retroactive to the same date on which he got his partial increase. Others, who got as little as \$1 at that time, were overjoyed to find another \$4 in the pay envelope.

Commented Administrator Milza, "The straightening out of the Beauty Salon rates only underlines the importance of all members checking with their Shop Stewards to know what their correct rate of pay is, and of making sure that they're getting it!"

CREDIT UNION SAVING FORMULA HELPS BUILD MEMBERS' ACCOUNTS

A program of "forced saving" has resulted in the accumulation of hundreds of dollars by otherwise non-thrifty members, according to leaders of the Local 1-S Credit Union.

Because the technique of building healthy bank balances is becoming increasingly popular, the formula is offered herewith and without charge.

The member makes a loan of \$50, for deposit to his account, to be repaid at the rate of \$1 a week.

At the end of 50 weeks his loan has been repaid at a total interest cost of \$3.25. But he is credited, at the end of the year with interest on his savings of \$1.80, which means that at an actual cost of \$1.45 he has accumulated \$50 he would never have saved otherwise.

Many members, whose budgets are not quite so tight, have borrowed \$100 at a time and have repaid it at the rate of \$5 a week.

On this basis, the member pays only \$2.25 in interest and receives \$3.60 at the end of the year. For those who can afford it, this process is repeated constantly, with the result that their bank balance grows by leaps and bounds and their savings earn interest at a higher rate than is paid in any other savings bank.

For additional information about joining the Credit Union call WA 4-4540 or visit the Credit Union office at 290 7th Ave., between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. or 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays. You'll find that it pays to bank the Credit Union way.

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Don't Be a Heel—Help Boycott O'Sullivan

Four hundred workers employed by America's Number One Heel—the O'Sullivan Rubber Corporation—have been out on strike since May 13, 1956.

The company, located in Winchester, Virginia, has imported strike breakers under the protection of the Taft-Hartley Act, and has steadfastly refused to bargain for the elimination of sub-standard wages and working conditions.

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New Board

The following is a complete list of Executive Board members:

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Marion Jurisson
Street Floor
Jack Steinman
Louella Gambler
Ann Muller

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John Tercy
Ann Arata

3rd Floor

Estelle Sage
James Steele
Katherine Blatt

4th Floor

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Joseph Cecere

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David Greenberg
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Evans Judson
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Lillian Mills

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Raymond Peer
Phil Massaro

ASD

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Veronica Fraites
Selma Ravin

*On Floor Committee but not on Board

**Resigned for executive position.



President Sam Kovenetsky, attorney Asher Schwartz, Vice President Bill Atkinson and Administrator Frank Milza (at Right side of table) present the Union's argument against Macy's action to Arbitrator Seitz.

Union Asks Arbitrator to Decide When is a Macy 'Promotion' Not a...

When is a promotion not a promotion—and can Macy's get away with it? That is the question that Local 1-S put into the hands of arbitrator Peter Seitz.

The case revolves around Leo Hock, who has been a Macy lamp maker and repairman for 20 years.

Pres. Eisenhower Answers 1-S Civil Rights Appeal

An appeal endorsed by the Local 1-S Executive Board was sent last month to President Eisenhower urging him to make a public statement calling for obedience

to existing civil rights laws.

We publish below, the answer received from the White House, as well as the Union's reply:

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

March 5, 1957

Dear Mr. Kovenetsky:

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter of February 27th.

He appreciates your concern over civil rights problems and has asked me to call your attention to his four-point civil rights program which is presently pending before the Congress, the details of which are explained in the attached statement of the Attorney General made when he appeared before the Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights of the Senate Judiciary Committee. With the enactment of this legislation, the President believes that there will be considerable advancement toward the solution of these problems.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Maxwell M. Rabb

Secretary to the Cabinet

LOCAL 1-S, RWDSU, AFL-CIO

March 11, 1957

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for the early response, through Mr. Rabb, to my letter of February 27th.

While I support—and hope that Congress will enact—your four point civil rights program, I am afraid that Mr. Rabb misunderstood my earlier appeal to you.

We are agreed that additional legislation and added Federal authority is needed in the field of civil rights. What we feel is urgently needed at this time is a forthright appeal from you for compliance with existing laws and with the Constitution as interpreted by the Supreme Court.

Such an appeal, we are certain, would win the immediate respect and support of people who today are being intimidated by those who preach civil disobedience and call for the impeachment of Supreme Court Justices whose decisions they are against.

I am sure that we agree that so long as a law exists it should apply equally to all, even while we cherish the right to seek the amendment or repeal of laws through the democratic process.

Your forthright leadership will end whatever lawless illusions the foes of civil rights may have. Your voice, now, can command respect and obedience to the law of our land.

In the name of freedom, democracy and decency I again urge you to use the great power of your office as well as your tremendous personal prestige to restore government by law—even in the South.

Respectfully yours,

Sam Kovenetsky, President

1-S Applications For Camp Going Fast—Act Now!

Applications for the Local 1-S summer camp program will close on April 15.

Local 1-S, in conjunction with the Community Services Committee of the New York City CIO Council, will help provide many youngsters with wonderful camp or Friendly Town vacations—provided mom or dad acts now and applies at the Union office.

Camp openings are available to those who cannot afford to pay, as well as to those who can pay for part of the cost.

Camping and Friendly Town vacation periods are limited to two weeks for each child, in order to give the largest number of children a chance to benefit.

Applications may be obtained by applying in person or by writing to the Union office. The Community Services Committee, which handles both the camp and Friendly Town placements will not accept applications after April 15. Get yours in on time!

1-S AND MACY'S BLOOD BANK DRIVE IN MAY

The 1957 Local 1-S, Macy's joint Blood Bank drive will be launched on May 13th at Flatbush and Parkchester. Herald Square will follow on May 14, 15 and 17, with Jamaica sharing the spotlight on the 17th, Vice President Phil Hoffstein announced.

The Blood Bank's protection extends to all members of Local 1-S, their husbands or wives and children under 19 years of age, as well as to the parents of single members.

The fact that thousands of members sign pledge sheets each year accounts for the immense success of the Bank.

Your name on a pledge sheet signifies your willingness to give to the Bank, if the highly trained Red Cross doctors find you physically fit to do so.

Volunteers are scheduled for time off from their jobs for the simple examination as well as for time to give to the Bank, and enjoy a snack and rest period.

Don't deny yourself and your family the protection of the Blood Bank. Be sure to sign the Pledge Sheet when it comes your way!

HEALTH PLAN NOTE

If you plan to take a leave of absence (including maternity and military leave) for more than 30 days or if you leave the store and wish to continue your Health Plan coverage on a direct payment basis YOU MUST see the Local 1-S Health Plan Consultant at the Union office.

You are covered by The Health Plan only until the end of the month in which you leave the store, and have another 30 days within which to arrange for your direct payments.

If you, or a member of your family covered by the Health Plan enters the hospital you MUST call on the Union office for claim forms immediately on entering or as soon as possible thereafter.

Protect yourself—protect your family—protect your benefits. Be sure to come to the Union office on time.



If you . . .
your husband
or wife . . .
or children
under 18 . . .

or parents (if you're single)

NEED BLOOD
FROM THE BLOOD BANK
all you have to do is
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And Rest Assured That
Local 1-S Will Do the Rest

1-S Lawyer, Aiding Troubled Member, Reveals New Trick for Raising Rent

A vicious landlord device for evading rent control was uncovered when a member of Local 1-S came to the Union office for legal aid. Based on his findings, Attorney Harry Edelstein has called on Governor Harriman to sponsor whatever new legislation is needed to plug loopholes in the existing law.

Charles Hardwick, who is a butcher in the Macy cafeteria, rented an apartment for \$85 a month. After complaining about lack of essential services, Mr. Hardwick was told by the local Rent Office that the registered rental for his apartment was only \$34.50 per month.

In the court fights that followed to recover the monthly overpayment of \$50 and to win such essential services as heat and hot water it became apparent that the Hardwick family was one of many intended victims of a new way to either evade or violate the law.

Phony Sale

The owner of this, and 40 other houses, was shown to have gone through the motions of "selling" his properties. The new "owners" were to collect the illegal rents and were to provide a front for the real owners.

That the sale was phony was borne out by the facts. The "buyer" was a man who earned \$100 a week. He supposedly was to pay \$265 a month (plus heat, etc.) to clear up a "mortgage" of \$17,850. Yet, under the registered rent laws he could not expect to legally re-

ceive more than \$105 a month from the building's tenants. It just didn't add up!

In his letter to Governor Harriman, Attorney Edelstein said, "This evidently is a new scheme

by which corporate owners of old-type tenement houses seek to use a go-between to collect more than twice the maximum rental allowed by the Rent Laws of the State of New York."

Cha-Cha, Mambo Draw Gay Group To Union's Latin Rhythm Lessons

A Local 1-S sponsored class in Latin dances got underway at the Union office on Wednesday, March 27th. Under the expert tutelage of an outstandingly successful teacher, Mr. Murray Kossover, the gay group will explore the pleasant rhythms of the tango, the cha-cha-cha, calypso and other popular dances.

FRIENDLY 40'S; WHAT, WHY?

Besides being a collection of some very nice people and devoted Union members — what is the "Friendly Forties"? Why does Macy's spend time and money to sponsor them? Does Macy's expect to get something in return? And if so, what?

These are questions which all arise quite naturally out of the discussion concerning the "Friendly Forties" at the February meeting of the Local 1-S Executive Board.

The Local 1-S NEWS will welcome comments and observations on the above questions from anyone who feels qualified to do so. Thoughtful answers may prove more important than anyone thinks.

What's YOUR opinion?

The class, which dances from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., will last for six weeks, and is free to Union members. No additional enrollments will be accepted after the April 3 session.

Mr. Kossover, who is licensed by New York State as an adult education dance instructor, has conducted similar programs in other unions with great success.

With plenty of gals on hand for the first session, it looked as though the absent menfolk were playing the unusual role of wall-flowers.

Instead of "sitting the next one out" come on down to the Union office and get in step with the times. You'll have so much fun, you'll be glad you did!

DETERMINED STAND ENDS DRAFTS, HEALTH MENACE ON TWO FLOORS

From both the Bath Shop in the Basement and the Stationery Department on the Street Floor came vigorous complaints about drafts that made for impossible working conditions and hazards to the health.

In the Bath Shop, Administrator Ann Jimenez was told that it was futile to even attempt putting an end to the powerful draft that blasted through the tunnel from the stock room to the selling floor.

But the Union's representative brought Labor Relations Manager G. G. Michelson to the department and showed her where a door could be installed that would relieve the situation.

Now that the doors are in, the people of the department are hoping that Macy's will quickly find some way of making sure they stay closed. But even now, they are happy that the Union accomplished what some thought to be "impossible".

Stricken

In Stationery, Shop Steward Ann MacLean, backed by the entire department, filed a grievance demanding that drafts, which had caused a high rate of illness and lost time, be eliminated and that the absences be stricken from the records.

The day after the grievance was written the department was advised that a shield was being in-

stalled, the engineers were adjusting vents, and that the supervisor "will see what I can do about the records when job reviews are discussed."

It takes action to get action! What's cooking in your department?

Grievance Wins Additional Seats On Fifth Floor

In response to the Local 1-S NEWS article calling attention to Macy's violation of the New York State Labor Law at Roosevelt Field, 5th Floor Committee Chairman Jerry Harte submitted the following grievance.

"The following departments are violating that portion of the State Labor Law which provides that there be one seat for every three women:

Dept. 74—0 seats
Dept. 96—1 seat
Dept. 83—3 seats
Dept. 147—3 seats

Exactly 46 days passed before Asst. Divisional Supt. Hetherington replied that "Additional seating facilities have been provided where needed."

What's the score in your department?

PERSONALS

WANTED—Two unfurnished rooms for housekeeping; \$40 a month; anywhere on Long Island. Please phone E. Bianco, OX 7-3240.

WANTED—Spinnet piano. Phone Irene Barrow, EN 2-2314 after 7:30 p.m.

WANTED—1½, 2 or 3-room unfurnished apartment, to \$65. Please call CO 5-4669 and leave message.

FOR SALE—Upright piano (Stuyvesant) in good condition. Telephone AC 2-7586.

FOR SALE—Three-wheel chain drive bike in good condition. Any reasonable offer accepted. Phone AU 6-8134 after 5 p.m.

FOR SALE—Two-door blonde wood wardrobe with shelf; in new condition. Very reasonable. Phone evenings, CL 1-7991.

WANTED—One set of drums; very reasonable. Condition not too important. Write D. Weisskoff, 7 Ranch Place, Merrick, L. I.

FOR RENT—Three-room furnished or unfurnished sunny apartment overlooking garden; also large one-room apartment; each with new kitchen and tile bath Call BR 9-8959 or come to 364 West 30th St. any time.

FOR SALE—¾ length black Persian lamb coat size 12-14. Purchase price was \$400; good condition. Only \$150. Call YE 2-6523.

Personal ads for the Local 1-S NEWS must be received at the Union office by the 1st or 15th day of each month. Ads received on the 1st will appear in the issue dated the 15th. Those received on the 15th will appear in the issue dated the 1st of the following month. This is offered as a service to members of Local 1-S and there is no charge for personal ads.

MEDICAL PLAN — For the name and address of the doctor, dentist, optometrist or podiatrist nearest you CALL the Union Office—WA 4-4540 or Associated Physicians Medical Group—BU 8-4210 (Night or Day). Complete schedule of fees available upon request.

BLOOD BANK—If you need blood from the Blood Bank CALL the Union Office—WA 4-4540.

TO THE EDITOR

INTERESTING

I wish to commend you brother Yanis for your most interesting comments in the recent issue of our union newspaper.

Perhaps I may have been unknown to you but to the many hundreds who inspired me to run for the office of First Vice President, they thought otherwise. More so since I had been budget cut with loss of wages and transferred into four different departments within a six-month period just prior to the elections. Even with my better than 10 years of employment as a salesman for Macy's.

You surprise me with your statement that I presented no program. That I believe would be contrary to the theme of your interesting letter. I will be delighted to provide you with a copy of my program to enlighten you of my aims, which was for the interest and welfare of only our members.

What is greater experience than the personal experience we are all undergoing to present a program as candidates for office. It requires much labor and deep planning for one who undertakes such a task. You can be assured he has the most sincere designs when he has only the consideration of the welfare and the destiny of his colleagues at heart as I, when I un-

dertook the privilege to run as a candidate for the office of First Vice President.

Fraternally yours,
Jimmy Ziccardi

BLOOD

I want to express my sincere gratitude for the blood donation for my father from the Blood Bank.

Thank you for the courtesy shown me when I called the office for my need.

Sincerely yours,
Jose I. Cuernas, RRRK

MOST COMFORTING

I wish to thank you most sincerely for taking care of the (2) X-ray and medical expenses this year and (1) last year.

Believe me, it is a most comforting thought to have when one knows he or she can have the proper treatment without worrying about the terrific costs that ensue apart from the physician's fees.

I have only been with Macy's a year and a half, but already have enjoyed the benefits of belonging to Local 1-S. Truly, it is a Union to be proud of. Believe me, I know, for I have belonged to a Union before, that could not even hold a candle or let alone be compared to Local 1-S.

Thank you once again, I am,
Sincerely yours,
Rose Maljanen, 26 Dept.

HEARTFELT

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to all my co-workers for the cards and gifts I received during my stay in the hospital.

It was a pleasure to hear from you all.

Sincerely,
John Harth, 918 Dept.

APPRECIATION

May I extend at this time my thanks and appreciation for the way our Union took care of the necessary details while I was in the hospital for an operation.

The insurance coverage of Blue Cross and Group Health Insurance is certainly wonderful — through our Union's efforts.

Thanks again.

Sincerely yours,
Sol Rosenfit, 127 Dept.

BLOOD

I want to thank you for what you did for me when I needed the blood transfusion, and also for straightening out the mess when I was about to leave for home. I appreciate it very much and you have my sincere heartfelt thanks.

I also appreciate, for the first time (thank God I didn't need to know before) what a wonderful help Blue Cross and Group Health Insurance are, when needed.

Thanks a million for everything.
Sincerely,
Nonnie Gottlieb, CDC

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